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The New York Constitution.
The organization of the New York
convention to revise the state con-
stitution is at hand, but work will
not immediately begin. The legisla-
ture is sitting longer than was
planned, and the convention will
await the adjournment of that body.
Although, strictly speaking, a state
affair, this convention will deal with
questions of national interest and
with national bearings, and hence its
discussions and performances will
be followed with close attention by
political leaders all over the country.
New York's example, it will set, may
be copied elsewhere in cases of like
character.

Business, in particular, is looking
to this body for the solution of some
of the questions which very much
need solution. Men familiar with
the latest and the largest business
methods and developments are mem-
bers of the convention. Lawyers of
note who have been for years the
advisers of corporations will partici-
pate. And the interests of both the
wage-earners and the farmers will be
represented.

It is asserted, and probably truly,
that business has grown so rapidly
and taken on so many new phases,
legislators, largely unfamiliar with
the subject, have not kept pace with
the times respecting public require-
ments springing from such develop-
ment. Urged to do something, they
have been groping and experiment-
ing, and have missed oftener than
hit. Trust legislation is now so com-
plicated and confusing, business men
hardly know how to proceed. As
all roads at one time led to Rome,
to them all roads now seem to lead
to jail; and they have no consuming
passion for iron bars and stripes.

The republicans will control the
New York convention; and at one
time the fact was assuring to busi-
ness. Republican national policies
have, as a rule, been acceptable to
business interests, and promotive of
their prosperity. But the present
legislation, also controlled by the re-
publicans, has been a disappointment
to many of those who helped elect
it; and this has produced an expres-
sion of fear that the convention may
not meet the highest expectations.
As usual, politics is over all, and po-
litics was never more mixed or baff-
ling than now.

But the men who will lead the con-
vention are aware of this feeling;
and forewarned is forearmed. Ad-
vised of what is before them, and
that the going will be difficult, they
will probably tread warily and pro-
ceed slowly. They need not hurry.

Easter Tourists.
It is estimated that over 5,000
school teachers and pupils from
other cities are in Washington at
this time, taking advantage of the
Easter holidays to study the National
Capital as an object lesson of value
in their school work. No other
American city offers so many advan-
tages in this respect. Here are ele-
ments that are to be found nowhere
else. Here is the American govern-
ment at work, in every branch save,
just at present, the legislative. Each
hour of the stay of a party of tour-
ists can be profitably employed, how-
ever protracted the visit. For those
who come for only a day there is a
swift bird's-eye view of the capital
that will make every individual an-
xious to return at the first opportu-
nity. In a two-day stay a little more
intimate survey of the field is possi-
ble. But all of Washington's attrac-
tions cannot be visited and appre-
ciated even in a week of steady
"sightseeing." Indeed, so infinite and
varied and absorbingly interesting
are the capital's features that a close
study of years may still leave one un-
satisfied. There is, however, the
warmest welcome for even the one-
day tourists, for Washington is as-
sured that they return home better
citizens of the republic for their visit
to the seat of government.

If the present tendency toward
total abstinence holds, Germany can-
not expect to make much of an im-
pression by threatening to cut off
England's supply of lager beer.

Republican Reunion.
In discussing the question of a re-
united republican party, Senator
Jones, in advocating it, thinks that
the sooner it is accomplished and the
fact announced the better. Not only
so, but it is now. He believes,
with many others, that the reunion
is scheduled, but he advises against
delay. Have the matter over with,
and let the party get the benefit, a
full year before the national conven-
tion meets to choose the new leader.
This is good advice. That the tide
at present is setting toward the re-
publican party is admitted by many
of the democrats themselves.
There is wide unrest. A great deal

of capital and a great many men
needing work are idle. Justly or not,
and even when the effects of the
war are counted out, the administra-
tion is blamed for the situation.
But, discouraging as the existing
outlook for the democrats is, the re-
publicans should not forget two very
important things:
(1) Election day is eighteen months
away, and in that time the demo-
crats may recover some of their lost
ground; and (2) if a change is or-
dered at the polls in November of
next year, the mandate can only be
satisfactorily executed by a party
strong in its union and purposes and
well led. There is no warrant for a
belief that the republican label alone
—just any old candidate on any old
platform—can win.

If a republican succeeds Mr. Wil-
son in March, 1917, he will confront
a task of large proportions, and re-
quire the aid of men of ability and
of one purpose. Much has already
been done under democratic auspices,
and more is promised. If the record
is condemned by the voters, a new
record must be made; and this will
touch all business, and many politi-
cal points. Necessarily, therefore, the
new leaders will have their hands
full, and should enjoy the confidence
of the country. Business particu-
larly will follow their performances
with extreme solicitude.

Many of those who left the republi-
can party in 1912 have returned.
Others are known to be on the road
home. The premises look natural,
and old comforts are being felt. The
wilderness is not an attractive place.
Only a brief sojourn there has a very
depressing effect on those accus-
tomed to clearings and snug habita-
tions. For fifty years the republicans
have been well housed and well fed,
and a very little of the wilderness
goes a long way with them. At pre-
sent they are self-exiled. By their
folly they surrendered good quar-
ters, and without a united effort they
cannot hope to recover them.

Dangerous Wires.

The death of Wallace A. Whitaker
Saturday evening by an electric cur-
rent brings vividly to observation
the fact that there is still great dan-
ger from overhead wires in certain
parts of Washington, despite all the
work that has been done in the
burial of high-power electric con-
ductors. It is a shocking revelation
that in a thickly populated part of
the District wires of such high po-
tentiality are exposed that the break
of even a low-power conductor such
as a telephone or telegraph line may,
by crossing one of the dangerous
feed wires, become a death-dealing
agency. The danger arises not merely
from the breaking of high-power
wires themselves. One of the chief
reasons for the exclusion of over-
head trolley lines from Washington
was that these wires might charge
any metal conductor touching them
and falling into the street. The in-
sulation of the high-power wires is
not a safeguard against fatality, as
Saturday night's accident demon-
strates. The insulation of an exposed
wire soon deteriorates and becomes
worthless for the confinement of the
current within the metal conductor.

Mr. Whitaker was killed in a laud-
able effort to prevent danger to life
resulting from the break of the wire,
although he was warned by the youth
who was standing guard not to touch
the exposed conductor. He trusted
to the insulation. It is to be hoped
that this tragedy will teach the les-
son that it is unsafe for any one but
a trained lineman to handle exposed
electrical conductors. But especially
it is desirable that this sacrifice of
life cause the immediate burial of all
high-power wires within the closely
inhabited part of the District. There
should be no difference in respect to
electrical conductors of high poten-
tiality whether they are stretched
within the center of the city or the
closely built outlying residential sec-
tions. If there is now a boundary
beyond which such wires are per-
mitted overhead this event demon-
strates that that boundary lies too far
within the area of habitation.

Philadelphia has a regulation
keeping children off the streets after
11 o'clock at night. Possibly the
large cities can follow this up with
a law keeping the gunmen and gang-
sters off the streets.

There should be no great disap-
pointment if Uncle Sam is never re-
quested to assume the always thank-
less role of umpire in connection
with the contentions in Europe.

The Prinz Eitel can never complain
of America as a country that could
not combine consistent neutrality
with proper hospitality.

It looks as if the present conflict
would compel the international law-
yers to begin their studies all over
again.

Connecticut avenue has again dem-
onstrated its superiority over a sea-
side boardwalk as an Easter prome-
nade.

Jitneys and Car Lines.

President Hamilton of the Capital
Traction Company in an address Sat-
urday night before the Federation of
Citizens' Associations outlined the
protest of the traction corporations
against the jitney bus on the ground
of the unfairness of admitting this
form of competition without regula-
tion and financial liability, while the
street railway companies are taxed
and subjected to regulation of ser-
vice and rates. This is a point of view
that the public should consider and
that the authorities should recognize,
although the latter are supposedly
guided by their responsibility to give
the people the best possible service
for the lowest possible rates. This
is not a matter to be determined as

an emergency, but it should be re-
garded as making for permanent
conditions. The question to be an-
swered by the public utilities com-
mission in this connection is, What
will be the effect five years hence
of admitting untaxed and unregu-
lated omnibus lines into the District,
upon the street railway properties
which represent an investment of
millions of the money of the people
of the District?

If the omnibus is the best form of
traction, and will carry the people
most satisfactorily for the lowest
rates and give a maximum of service,
it should be the future form of trans-
portation. This means, of course,
that the street railway, with its heavy
investment in tracks, central power
stations, rolling stock, etc., will be
eventually eliminated. Can the transi-
tion from the one form of traction
to another be effected without seri-
ous loss upon the community? Or
is there a field for both fixed-track
and omnibus lines? Can each oper-
ate at a profit and give the public
the service it requires?

The question of regulation and
taxation should be answered by the
public utilities commission in respect
to the proposed bus services not ex-
clusively with a view to the fairness
of the competition, but with refer-
ence to the public interests. Can bet-
ter service be assured to the people
through taxation and regulation? Perhaps
a period of experimentation
is needed before this question is
definitely answered, but in any case
while it is under consideration the
commission should bear in mind the
economic factor of the investment
represented in the street railway
companies, and the effect upon the
community of a destruction of that
investment in consequence of com-
petition that may bring to the pub-
lic no great benefit and may perhaps
yield no great profit to the pro-
moters of the new form of transpor-
tation.

There is something in a name. Billy
Sunday would never have made the
impression he has created if he had
chanced to be known as William Sab-
bath.

King George has offered a great
discouragement to those who name
fancy drinks after prominent per-
sonages.

There is comparatively little inter-
est in a prize fight now. Compared
to serious hostilities it looks like a
safety first proposition.

Japan is making every effort to
comfort China with the assurance
that the Germans shall not get her.

Easter Sunday in Europe was a
reminiscence and a hope rather than
a present holiday.

Washington's weather narrowly
missed making Easter look like in-
auguration day.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Eternal Curiosity.

"So you think all public entertain-
ments should be censored?"
"Yes. And I'd like to be one of the
censors."
"What for?"
"So as to be sure of not missing
anything."

Very Simple.

To tell a mushroom, merely eat
The specimen that you may meet.
And note, next day, with studious
care
If you've stayed here or gone else-
where.

Novelty.

"Were you in the Easter parade?"
"No," replied Mr. Meekton. "I
stood off and looked on. I kind of
enjoyed seeing Henrietta engaged in
a hike that didn't look like some kind
of a political procession."

Student of Color.

"What made you vote for prohibi-
tion?"
"Well," replied Col. Stillwell, "I al-
ways had a good deal of artistic
feeling. I kind of thought it would
help the color scheme out our way
to see more women and children with
red cheeks and fewer men with red
noses."

Caution.

"I call a spade a spade."
"I don't take a chance on being so
positive this time of year. I'm liable
any morning to have to call it a snow
shovel."

Her Recollection.

"Do you remember how far it is to
our home town?"
"No," replied young Mrs. Torkins;
"I don't remember how far it is in
miles. But the railway ticket is about
a yard and a quarter long."

Spring Poem.

When devising vernal beauty
Let us heed a simple duty
That may help us later to escape the
blues.
With the furberlows and laces
That enhance such varied graces,
Don't forget the old umbrella and
overshoes.

Though today the sun shines
brightly,
And the birds are singing lightly,
In an effort conscientious to amuse,
It may cause you disappointment
As you seek hot drinks and oint-
ment
If you shake the old umbrella and
overshoes.

Every year the dainty blooming
Stranger beauty is assuming
As millinery makes the eye enthuse;
But, girls, beware the weather!
As you get yourselves together,
Don't neglect the old umbrella and
overshoes.

"Pure at the source—perfect at the journey's end."

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